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To Whom it May Concern at the F.D.A.:

I am writing to ask you to enact a ban on the forced molting of laying hens. I'm sure you are aware of the fact that in forced molting, feed is withheld for several days to cause the hens to produce more eggs. Not only is this cruel, it also increases the occurence of the Salmonella enteritidis, a food-borne pathogen causing widespread human illness.

Please ban the forced molting of laying hens. We need to respect the well being of both animals and humans.

Thank you.,

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